

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
ASHEVILLE DIVISION  
1:22-cv-00078-MR**

<b>RICARDO EDWIN LANIER,</b>	)	
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<b>Plaintiff,</b>	)	
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<b>vs.</b>	)	<b><u>ORDER</u></b>
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<b>JUSTIN BURNS, et al.,</b>	)	
	)	)
<b>Defendants.</b>	)	
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**THIS MATTER** comes before the Court *sua sponte* on the Court's denial of Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment.

The parties are directed to notify the Court within fourteen (14) days of this Order if they object to participating in a judicial settlement conference pursuant to Local Civil Rule 16.3(d) in an effort to settle this matter without a trial.

The parties are advised that, should a judicial settlement conference being undertaken in this matter to facilitate settlement, there is no requirement that the case settle through such a conference. Rather, if a judicial settlement conference were unsuccessful, the matter would proceed to trial. Should either or both parties object to a judicial settlement conference in this matter, the matter will be set for trial to occur as soon as

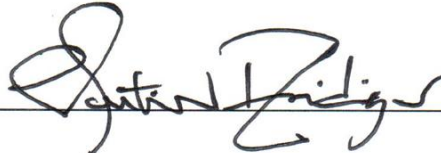
feasible.

**ORDER**

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the parties shall notify the Court within fourteen (14) days of this Order if they object to a judicial settlement conference in this matter in accordance with the terms of this Order.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Signed: August 28, 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin Reidinger", is written over a horizontal line.

Martin Reidinger  
Chief United States District Judge

